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REGULATIONS AND LAWS IN EFFECT IN WEST BERLIN

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1. CHAIRMAN (US) PROTOCOL OFFICER DELIVERED SELF-
EXPLANATORY STATEMENT PARAGRAPH 2 BELOW TO SOVIET
COUNTERPART MAY 3.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE ALLIED AUTHORITIES DRAW YOUR
ATTENTION TO TWO (2) UNFORTUNATE ASPECTS OF THE VISIT
OF IVAN KAPITONOV AND OTHERS TO THE WESTERN SECTORS
OF BERLIN ON THE OCCASION OF THE SEW CONGRESS FROM
15-17 APRIL:

(A) DESPITE NOTIFICATION FROM THE SOVIET
PROTOCOL OFFICER THAT THERE WOULD BE ONLY ONE BUS
AND ABOUT 9 CARS, THE WREATH-LAYING AT THE SOVIET
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WAR MEMORIAL ON 15 APRIL INVOLVED 9 BUSES AND 25
CARS CROSSING SANDKRUG BRIDGE, (INCLUDING A BAND),
IN ADDITION TO OTHER CARS FROM THE WESTERN SECOTRS
OF BERLIN WHICH JOINED THE CEREMONY AT THE MEMORIAL IT-
SELF. IN THIS CONNECTION WE WOULD DRAW YOUR
ATTENTION TO FREQUENT ALLIED REQUESTS FRO MORE PROMPT AND

ACCURATE

INFORMATION ABOUT CEREMONIES AT THE SOVIET WAR MEMORIAL, MOST RECENTLY IN AN ORAL STATEMENT OF 9 DECEMBER 1976 WHEN THE ALLIED AUTHORITIES ALSO EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN AT THE INCREASING SCALE OF CEREMONIES.

(B) THE CHAIRMAN ALLIED PROTOCOL OFFICER EXPLAINED WHEN HE CALLED ON THE SOVIET PROTOCOL OFFICER ON 14 APRIL THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH LEGISLATION IN FORCE IN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN THOSE MEMBERS OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION STAYING THERE OVERNIGHT WERE REQUIRED TO APPLY TO THE ALLIED TRAVEL OFFICE FOR RESIDENCE PERIMITS. THE SOVIET PROTOCOL OFFICER UNDERTOOK TO ENSURE THAT APPLICATIONS FOR RESIDENCE PERIMITS WERE COMPLETED PROMPTLY AND SUBMITTED TO THE ALLIED TRAVEL OFFICE. THE FORMS WERE NEVER SUBMITTED. THE ALLIED AUTHORITIES ARE DISTRESSED BY AND FAIL TO UNDERSTAND THE ATTITUDE OF THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES IN REFUSING TO ADHERE TO LONG-STANDING PRACTICES AND LEGISLATION IN FORCE IN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT THE ALLIES TOOK EXTRA PAINS TO BRING THOSE REGULATIONS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES AND EVEN PROVIDED THE NECESSARY FORMS IN AN EFFORT TO AVOID ANY UNNECESSARY COMPLICATIONS ARISING DURING MR. KAPITONOV'S VISIT. THE ALLIED AUTHORITIES INSIST THAT IN ALL FUTURE CASES THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES ADHERE STRICTLY TO THE APPLICABLE PRACTICES AND LEGISLATION IN FORCE IN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN. END TEXT.

3. SOVIET PROTOCOL OFFICER ATTEMPTED TO ARGUE THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ESTABLISHED ALLIED PROCEDURES FOR ATO REGISTRATION AND APPLICATION OF BK/L(67)7 REPRESENTED "INNOVATIVE" EFFORTS BY THE ALLIES TO CURTAIL SOVIET VISITS IN WEST BERLIN. SOVIET PROTOCOL OFFICER CLAIMED FOUR POWER ARRANGEMENT DATING FROM 1945 OR 1946 PROVIDED THAT ANY SOVIET CITIZENS COULD REMAIN IN WEST BERLIN FOR UP TO 30 DAYS WITHOUT A VISA. WHEN CHALLENGED BY CHAIRMAN PROTOCOL OFFICER TO PROVIDE COPY OF ALLEGED AGREEMENT OR GIVE SOME SORT OF CITATION SO IT COULD BE CHECKED, SHOKIN WAS UNABLE TO DO SO AND WENT ON TO SAY HE DID NOT HAVE COPY OF DOCUMENT. CHAIRMAN PROTOCOL OFFICER THEN PAINSTAKINGLY TOOK SOVIET COUNTERPART THROUGH DETAILS OF BK/9(67)7 AND ATO REGISTRATION PROCEDURES, AND STATED HE EXPECTED IN FUTURE SOVIETS WOULD FOLLOW APPROPRIATE REGISTRATION PROCEDURES WHENEVER THEIR CITIZENS COME TO WEST BERLIN.

4. WE HAVE DOUBLE CHECKED OUR RECORDS AND THOSE
AT THE ALLIED KOMMANDATURA. WE CAN FIND NO REFERENCE
TO A 1945 OR 1946 AGREEMENT AMONG THE ALLIES SUCH AS
SHOKIN ALLEGED EXISTED. WE ARE THEREFORE, NOT SURE
WHETHER HE WAS PLAYING A FOOLISH BLUFFING GAME OR
SIMPLY WAS CONFUSED ABOUT HIS FACTS. GEORGE

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